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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the fifth full paragraph on page 30 of the specification with the following:

Figs. 5A-5B are is a schematic diagrams representing an example of the first zone-correspondence information;

Please replace the seventh full paragraph on page 30 of the specification with the following:

Figs. 7A-7C are is a schematic diagrams representing an example of the second zone-correspondence information;

Please replace the tenth full paragraph bridging pages 30 and 31 of the specification with the following:

Figs. 10A-10B are is a schematic diagrams representing an example of a method of synthesizing characteristic quantities through the use of templates;